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Canon of Lies

Part the sEcond

LIE4.
crunch
AND THEN, NATSU JUST STARTED BAWLING...
SHE HID UNDER THE COVERS AND WOULDN'T COME OUT!
IF I TRIED TO DRAG HER, SHE'D JUST POUT--
BUT WHEN I LEFT HER ALONE, SHE'D THROW A TANTRUM! IT WAS...
SOR-RY...
...YOU'VE BEEN SPAC-ING OUT A LOT LATELY.
HEAT STROKE? WHAT A LAME-O!
NO, THAT'S NOT IT! DUM-ASS!
WHAP
ARE YOU LISTEN-ING, KA-GEY, MA?
JOLT
EH?
OH.
HEY, HINA-TA...
'OW CAN I HELP YOU...?

Looking back on it...
WHAT, SO YOU'VE DEVELOPED AN INTEREST IN THAT SORT OF THING?
WH-WHY WOULD YOU ASK ME...?
...I was incredibly stupid to ask that of the person himself.
KIND OF.
IT'S ALWAYS BUGGED ME...
So I wanted to know the reason I feel that way.
When I'm with him, I feel on-edge and can't settle down.
Three weeks since that day...
WH...
WHAT'S IT LIKE...
...BEING IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE?

I'm just through, with so many things.
I FEEL LIKE I COULD FALL INTO FEELING SCARED OR FRUSTRATED...
IF I JUST LEAVE IT AT "I DON'T UNDERSTAND",
O-OH, OKAY!
I TOTALLY AGREE! THAT'S FOR THE BEST!
noa
noa
?
NOW THEN...
HOW CAN I DESCRIBE IT...?
Hmm
YOU FEEL ALL GWAAH WHEN YOU'RE TOGETHER,
AND YOUR HEART IS ALL GUOOOOH!!
WELL, IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN...
YOU JUST WIND UP THINKING ABOUT THAT PERSON ALL THE TIME...
WONDERING WHAT THEY'RE DOING, WANTING TO SEE THEM...
A-AND SUDDENLY WANTING TO TOUCH THEM, AND HAVING YOUR HEART POUND WHEN YOU DO...
OI! PUT IT IN WORDS I CAN UNDERSTAND...

.....
AND ALSO.
UMM...
OUT OF THE BLUE,
YOU JUST WANT TO BURST INTO TEARS.
.....
OI, GIMME YOUR HAND.
EH?! WHY??
approach
JUST DO IT!

IS MY HEART POUND-ING..?
.....
GRAB
rustle
I CAN'T TELL..

Oh...I get it now...
This...
HEY... HE MADE THIS FACE THE LAST TIME HE TOUCHED ME...

...is the face he makes when I touch him.
JUST...
WHAT IS IT...?
WH...

More of these kinds of faces...
I wanna see more.
ST-
rattle
STO-
blush
...YOUR REACTIONS ARE REALLY INTERESTING.
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP

SFX: GRAEH!
clack
clack
clack
clack
twitch
STAND
D-
DO-
DON-
Don't you DARE touch me.

CLANG
ryeeeW
OI!
I DON'T GET IT—BUT..
I DON'T GET IT
Wh...what the heck...?
I WAS JUST HARSHLY REJECTED
blank
Isn't he supposed to be in love with me...??

But...
I still...
I KIND OF...GET WHAT HE MEANT.
I think I'm probably...
...in love with Hinata.
BZZZ
BZZZ
click
YEEEES?
OIKAWA SPEAKING.

...So what do you want?
I HAD SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK YOU...
I'm wearing purple underwear today.
I SEE.
NOW THEN, IT'S ABOUT VOLLEYBALL...
No way, NO WAY! STUPID POOPOO HEAD!!
EXCUSE ME!!
Tobio??
SORRY FOR THE SUDDEN CALL...
Wait, where did you get my number?
I ASKED IWAIZUMI-SAN FOR IT
And where do you get Iwa-chan's?
I HAD IT FOR CLUB-RELATED MATTERS.
Ding Dong
.....

IS ROMANCE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PLAY VOLLEY-BALL?
IT'S JUST...
I DON'T REALLY GET IT...
BUT I FEEL LIKE THERE'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT I'M MISSING...
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS UNNECES-SARY,
...Huh?
AND WATCH-ING YOU, IT ONLY SEEMED TO BE BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH...
.....
.....

What's this? Does our Tobio-chan have a crush on someone, then??
SO?
!!
TH-that's no-nod– I don't–
HE'S SO OBVIOUS.
He got tongue-tied
ARE YOU SAYING IF I SAY IT'S NECESSARY, THEN YOU'LL FALL IN LOVE WITH THEM?
Ego... tistical?
IT MEANS YOUR HEAD IS FULL OF NOTHING BUT VOLLEYBALL AND YOU'RE AN AIRHEAD WHO DOESN'T REALIZE HOW HE TRAMPLES ON OTHERS'
EH...?
You know, I've always thought of you as really egotistical.
BUT,
IT'S NOT A B_D THING.

.....
Though I'd say it'll take a miracle to find anyone willing to do that with you.
Why not have a fling or two?
But–
I'm not as good at that kind of thing as you...
WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, THE ONE YOU LOVE MOST IS YOURSELF, ISN'T IT?
And even if we both want it, that doesn't mean it'll go well...
SUCH LOVELY EXCUSES.

You're scared of being affected by others.
Scared of trusting others.
Scared of loving others.
YOU THINK ELIMINATING OBSTACLES AND PUTTING ON AIRS IS ACTUALLY STRENGTH?
AT THE VERY LEAST, IT'S TOTALLY INEFFICIENT AS A SETTER
EITHER WAY, YOU'LL ONLY HURT THE OTHER PERSON IF YOU START A RELATIONSHIP AS YOU ARE NOW
YOU SHOULD JUST FOCUS ON VOLLEYBALL, I SAY
Bye now!

AH, IWA-CHAN?
Y'KNOW, TOBIO'S SUCH A LOSER! HE CRACKS ME UP!!
OH, BUT ABOUT GIVING HIM MY NUMBE-
The number you have dialed is...
GEH?!
H-HE BLOCKED ME??
booo
booo
booo
booo
booo

PFFT, WHAT'S WITH THAT REACTION?
H... HI...?
YOU JUST SPOOKED ME YESTERDAY SO DON'T SWEAT IT!
YO, KAGE-YAMA!

What I did to him...
After a night of thinking,
...was incredibly selfish and insensitive.
I finally managed to kind of figure out why he rejected me.
I'm only just now beginning to realize...
...how difficult it is pretending everything is "normal"...
HE DID THIS FOR ALL THIS TIME...?
G'mornin'

squeak
I have to tell him.
Tell him how I feel about him too...!
CRASH
Ugh, dammit, this is no time to feel down!
I know what I have to do now!
HE JUST COLLAPSED! IS IT YOUR STOMACH? DOES YOUR STOMACH HURT??
Oh...
EH?! WHAT HAPPENED?
HINATA?!
ARE YOU OKAY??
Just how much stress he's under...
HINATA! HANG IN THERE! OI! HEY, HINATA!
Why didn't I realize sooner...?
...and how I feel about him?

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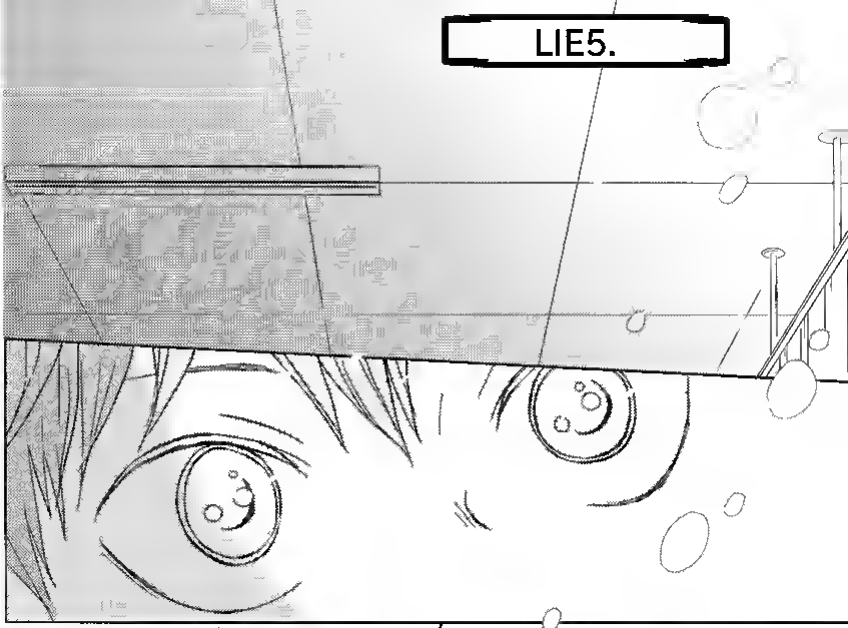


PRAC-
TICE!
STOP

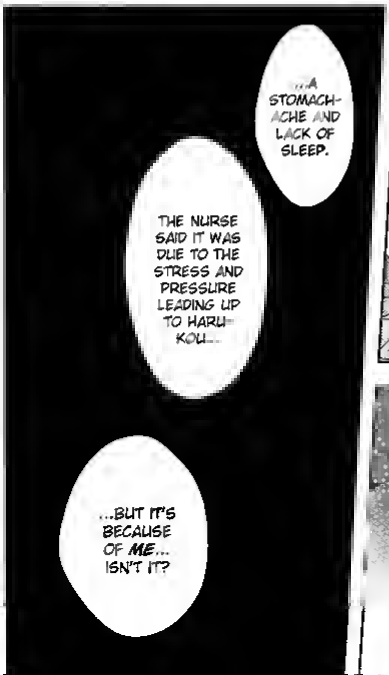
spaced out
Huh...? Wait, what happened...?
Oh right, my stomach hurt, and I got taken to the nurse's office, and I took some medicine...

Oh...I must've fallen asleep...

KA-GE-YA-MA?
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WHAT ABOUT PRAC-TICE??
IT ENDED EARLIER.
WE COULDN'T ALL HANG AROUND HERE, SO ONLY I STAYED
AND TH-THE NURSE?
SHE'S OUT. IF YOU FELT FINE WHEN YOU WOKE UP, YOU COULD GO HOME, OTHER-WISE YOU'D NEED TO GET YOUR PARENTS TO COME PICK YOU UP.
SWEAT SWEAT SWEAT SWEAT
...CRAP.
I'll just have to apologize and beg his for-giveness.
Collapsing during prac-tice and then passing out? This is NOT good...
WANT TO CALL THEM?
NO! NO I'LL BE FINE!!
JOLT
!!
HINATA

ROAR
WHY?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'WHY'?!

I'M SORRY!
GO OUT WITH ME.
BOW


...A STOMACH-ACHE AND LACK OF SLEEP.
THE NURSE SAID IT WAS DUE TO THE STRESS AND PRESSURE LEADING UP TO HARU-KOU...
...BUT IT'S BECAUSE OF ME... ISN'T IT?

.....
.....
WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

...KAGE-YAMA...
...DID YOU REALIZE HOW I ACTUALLY FELT ABOUT YOU...?
My mind went totally blank.

"I'M GOING TO PROTECT HIM AND HIS VOLLEYBALL."
In the end, al of those lies I told were useless.
AND SO— HINA-TA—
I AC-TUALLY—
Right then, my mind was full of so much frustration and shame...
Collapsing...
And then worrying Kageyama...
And making him feel like he has to say this to me...
What the hell am I doing?

IT DOESN'T SUIT YOU.
DON'T.
DON'T GIVE ME YOUR PITY.
...how badly Kageyama's hands and voice were shaking with nerves.
— AM IN LO-
...that I didn't even notice...

HUH?!
I'M NOT GOING TO DATE YOU.
I'M NEVER EVER GOING TO DATE YOU!
I was just being stubborn.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN PITY?!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY HERE?!
WELL I'M RIGHT, AREN'T I??
YOU'VE JUST CONVINCED YOURSELF THAT IF THIS IS GONNA AFFECT PRACTICE LIKE THIS, THEN YOU MAY AS WELL GO OUT WITH ME!

I guess I can't blame him for thinking that...
"YOU'RE REALLY EGOTISTICAL, AREN'T YOU?"
THAT'S NOT IT! I REALLY DO...!
I'M NOT IN LOVE WITH YOU ANYMORE.
HINATA, I REALLY AM IN-
.....
I'M NOT.

I DON'T LOVE YOU!
I DON'T LOVE YOU!
STOP LYING!
IT'S NOT A LIE!
IN FACT, NOW I HATE YOU!
grab
--IN LOVE WITH YOU!
I'M NOT--
JUST LISTEN TO ME!
HEY NOW! WHAT ARE YOU TWO YELLING ABOUT?
HINATA-KUN, ARE YOU FEELING BETTER NOW?
IF SO, YOU SHOULD GO HOME FOR THE DAY.

...HE SEEMS LIKE HE'LL BE FINE ON HIS OWN, SO I'LL LEAVE NOW
EH? O-OH, OKAY...
SLAM

……
CLATTER
?
ご

JOLT
!?
SLIDE
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING?!
.....
THUD
OW

TAKING A SHORT-CUT...
.....
YOU'LL BE MIS-TAKEN FOR A ROBBER, SO PLEASE USE THE FRONT EN-TRANCE
'KAY
I'VE BEEN THINK-ING...
.....
...ABOUT YOU.
AND THEN WHEN I REALIZED IT, I WAS RUNNING HERE
HOW SIMPLE-MINDED!
CAN YOU COME WITH ME FOR A FEW?
I...
...REALLY DON'T GET A LOT OF THINGS...
BUT THERE IS SOMETHING I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO TELL YOU.

HUH...
YUP. TONS OF THEM THIS TIME OF YEAR.
THERE ARE FIREFLIES AROUND HERE?
... YEAH.
I WAS RELIEVED WHEN YOU TOLD ME IT WAS ALL A MISUNDER-STANDING.
.....
YOU KNOW,

I PROBABLY WOULD'VE WORRIED A LOT IF YOU HADN'T PRETENDED YOU HAD GIVEN UP ON ME.
I THINK I WOULD HAVE FELT ANNOYED BY YOU.
Y-YEAH.
AND... I THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HARD ON ME, THEN.
IS THAT WHY YOU DID IT?
DID YOU LIE TO ME BECAUSE YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME?
I'M...
...REALLY BAD AT LYING!

!!
OI!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO TOU-
FIREFLY.
SERI-OUSLY?
HUH..?

...NOPE.
tug
!

I LOVE YOU.
THIS...
...IS WHAT I DIDN'T GET TO TELL YOU PROPERLY EARLIER

IT'S NOT A MATTER OF WHICH ONE I CHOOSE OR WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT,
I CLEARED AWAY A BUNCH OF THOUGHTS,
WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
G-yaa!!
G-yaa!!
I LOVE VOLLEYBALL AND YOU!
AND WHEN I REALIZED IT WAS FINE FOR ME TO BE IN LOVE WITH YOU, I COULDN'T STOP IT!
I DID, BUT THAT WAS THEN! IT'S DIFFERENT NOW!
YOU SAID YOU COULD NEVER SEE ME LIKE THAT!
YOU SAID VOLLEYBALL WAS MORE IMPORTANT!
IS THAT NOT ALLOWED??
NO! I MEAN, IT IS ALLOWED...
HOWEVER,
BUT THERE'D BE NOTHING I COULD DO ABOUT IT...
I MEAN, IT'S NOT FINE...
IF YOU DON'T LOVE ME ANYMORE, THAT'S FINE...
I... DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE FEELING RIGHT NOW.

NO MORE FORC-ING YOUR-SELF,
OR LYING TO ME, GOT IT?
AH-- Y-YEAH!
I WON'T LIE TO YOU ANY-MORE!
RIGHT!
UMM...
OKAY THEN...
I DON'T... NEED TO LIE TO YOU ANYMORE...

It just came out, drop by drop...

"I can tell him that I love him."
LOVE YOU!
I CAN'T STOP IT...
It all overflowed,
and once it started, then it didn't stop.
I HAVE, FOR A LONG TIME!
I TRIED NOT TO, TRIED TO GIVE UP ON YOU,
BUT I LOVE YOU TOO MUCH!
"I can be in love with him."
.....
Still has no clue what he should do
KAGE-YAMA...
ME TOO

OREN CHARGE
.....
SO... WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO BE DO-ING RIGHT NOW...?

KAGE-YAMA...!
I LOVE YOU...!
LOVE YOU...
WHAT... IS THIS?
KAGE-YAMA...
Squeeeeze

LEAP BACK
W-WE JUST KISSED! THAT WAS A KISS!!
SH-SHUT UP! DON'T YELL IT!
KISS KISS KISS KISS
SHUT UP, DUMB-ASS!
DID YOU NOT WANT TO?!
I DIDN'T NOT WANT TO AT ALL!
AND WHY ARE WE RUNNING KAGE-YAMA??
YOU STARTED RUNNING FIRST!

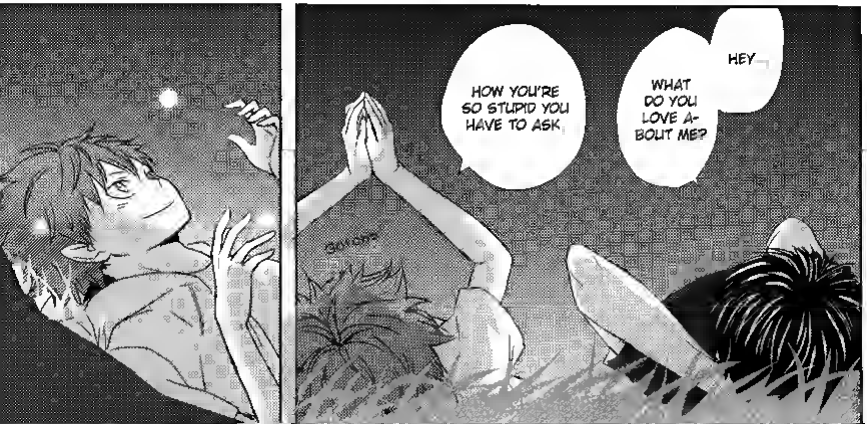
Canon of Lies

Part the second

BIRTH-
DAY-
JUNE 21
WHAT DO YOU DO ON DAYS OFF?
GO JOGGING OR PLAY WITH NATSU
THINGS YOU LIKE
VOLLEY-BALL AND EGG OVER RICE AND MEAT AND KAGEYAMA!
……

after a short jog
WHAT ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO DO WHEN YOU DATE SOMEONE?
MMM, I DUNNO REALLY GO ON DATES, I GUESS?
THERE'S NOTHING 'OFFICIAL', THEN?
NOT THAT I KNOW OF

REALLY I... DON'T KNOW MUCH AT ALL
And because of that, I needlessly worried Hinata and hurt him.
I hate that side of me and feel like I was such a loser.
WHEN DO WE GET TO DO MORE THAN JUST KISS?
DON'T ASK ME!
...OH Just when we feel like it's time ??


HEY
WHAT DO YOU LOVE A-BOUT ME?
HOW YOU'RE SO STUPID YOU HAVE TO ASK
Grrrrr

The End.